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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SEYED A. ANGADJIVAND et al.

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For: **METHOD OF CHARGING
ELECTRET FILTER MEDIA**

Group Art Unit: 1307

Examiner: J. Thurlow

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 17-20 as set forth below.

17. (amended) A nonwoven web that [containing] contains thermoplastic microfibers[, which web] and that has an electric charge imparted thereto obtainable by the steps comprising (1) contacting a nonconductive nonwoven web that contains thermoplastic microfibers [and that has a charge resistivity $>10^{16}$ ohm•cm] with water in manner sufficient to provide the nonwoven web with filtration enhancing electret charge, and then (2) drying the nonwoven web.

18. (amended) The [method] product of claim 17, wherein the thermoplastic microfibers are polypropylene microfibers, poly(4-methyl-1-pentene) microfibers, or blends thereof.

19. (amended) The [method] product of claims 17-18 wherein the thermoplastic microfibers comprise polypropylene and poly(4-methyl-1-pentene).